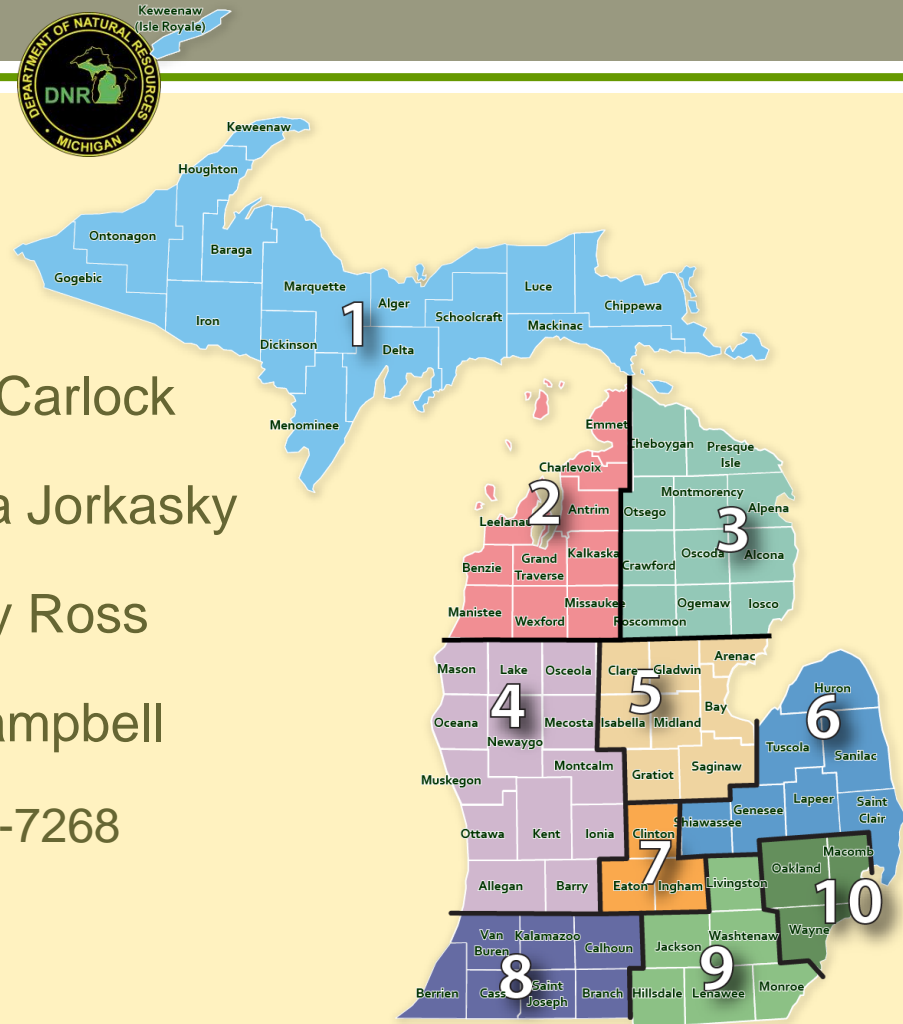


# Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grant Programs 2018 Workshop



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# Workshop Overview



## PART ONE

What's New!

## PART TWO

Grant Basics

## PART THREE

Scoring Criteria

## PART FOUR

Tips for all Programs





# PART ONE

## 2018 - What's New



# DNR Website Update

THE DEPARTMENT OF

## NATURAL RESOURCES

THINGS TO DO ▼

PLACES TO GO ▼

**BUY & APPLY ▼**

EDUCATION & SAFETY ▼

MANAGING YOUR RESOURCES ▼

ABOUT US ▼

Q SEARCH

### I WILL BE:



Snowmobiling



Fishing



Hunting



Camping

MORE THINGS TO DO

### I WANT TO VISIT:



State Parks & Recreation Areas



State Trails

MORE PLACE TO GO



Buy a License Online  
fish, hunt, ORV, snowmobile



Make a Reservation  
campsite, shelter, lodge, harbor




Recreation Passport  
Michigan's state park pass



Recreation Search  
find parks, trails, campgrounds

Are you applying for a grant for the first time? Workshops and webinars are available for many of our grant opportunities. Sign up to learn how to prepare your application.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS 



## AVAILABLE GRANTS



### Recreation

- Recreation Trails Program
- Recreation Improvement Fund
- Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Recreation Passport Grant Program
- Waterways Program Grants
- Boating Infrastructure Grants
- Clean Vessel Act - Boat Pumpout Grants
- Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Improvement Program
- Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program



### Aquatic & Wildlife

- Aquatic Habitat Grant Program
- Wildlife Habitat Grant Program
- Invasive Species Grant Program
- Dam Management Grant Program
- Northern Lower Peninsula Deer Habitat Improvement
- Upper Peninsula Deer Habitat Improvement
- Habitat Improvement Fund



## Grants

## Recreation

## Aquatic &amp; Wildlife

## Forestry

## Law Enforcement &amp; Safety

## Recreation

Through our numerous grant programs, we can provide financial assistance to Michigan communities to acquire land for parks and open space, develop outdoor and indoor recreation facilities, and maintain, improve and renovate existing recreation facilities. Each grant program has specific criteria for eligible projects and who can apply, as well as specific application deadlines and minimum/maximum grant request amounts. Some grant programs require a 5-year recreation plan to be approved before applying for the grant. Click on each program below for specific details.

## AVAILABLE GRANTS

## NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

Provides grants to local units of government and to the state for acquisition and development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation or the conservation of natural resources. This is the only grant program for land acquisition. Requires 5-year recreation plan. Must apply through MiRecGrants portal.

## LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Provides grants to local units of government and to the state to develop land for public outdoor recreation such as: trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access and fishing areas. Requires 5-year recreation plan. Must apply through MiRecGrants portal.

## RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAM

Provides funding to local units for the development of public recreation facilities. This includes the development of new facilities and the renovation of old facilities and can also be used for indoor facilities. Requires 5-year recreation plan. Must apply through MiRecGrants portal.

## WATERWAYS PROGRAM GRANTS

Provides funding for design and construction of recreational boating facilities in the state, including state-sponsored harbor and mooring facilities. Only local units of government and public universities are eligible to apply. The grant requires the development of a 5-year recreation plan.

# Recreation Passport Grant Program (RPGP)



## **What's new in RPGP:**

Maximum grant request increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000

# Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

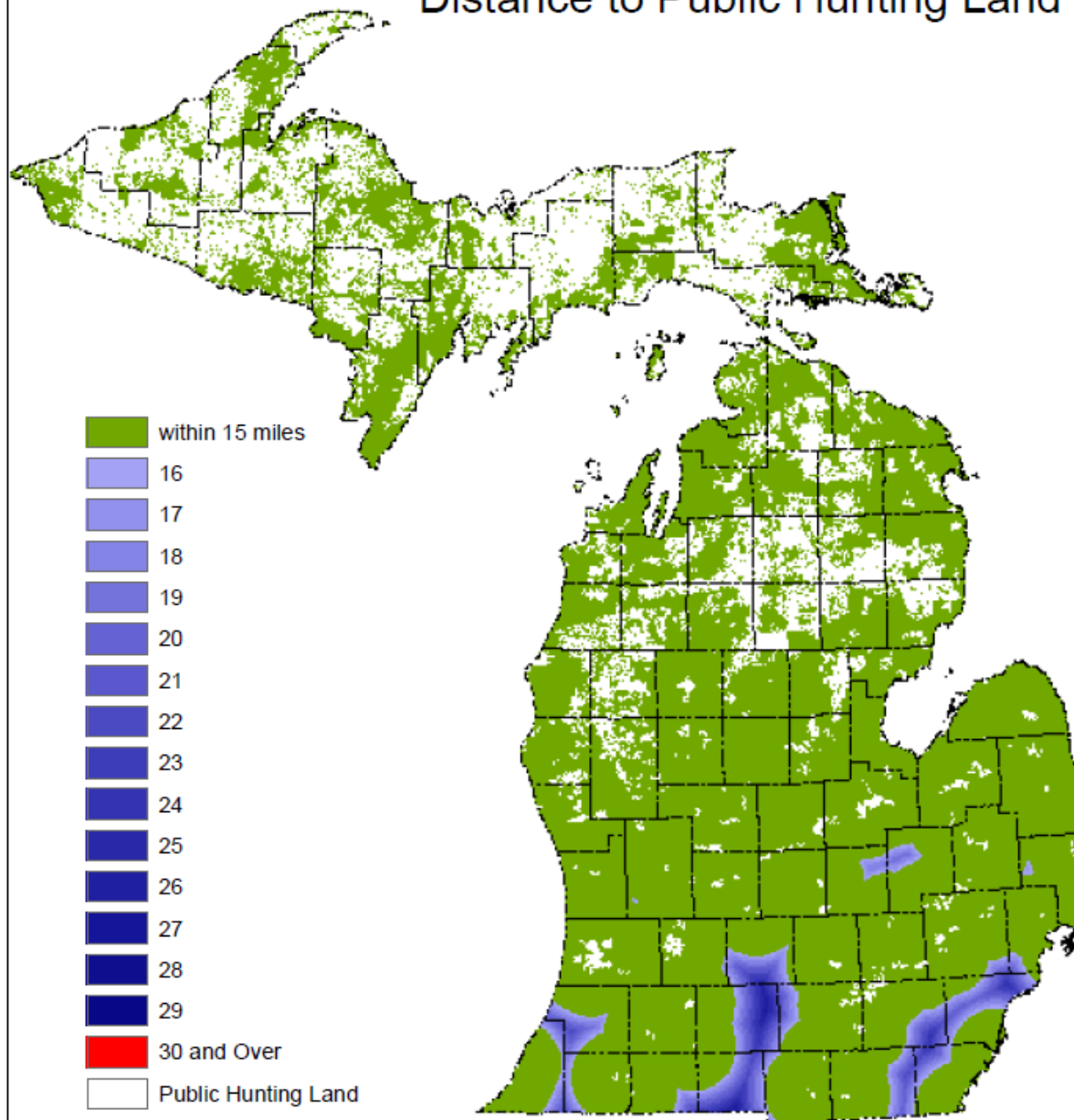


## **What's new in MNRTF:**

### **Board Priority for Acquisition**

Dedicated hunting area in a location of the state that lacks in hunting opportunity acreage per the DNR's Managed Public Land Strategy. Land area should be 500+ acres or be able to grow to such an area.

## Distance to Public Hunting Land



All public hunting lands included in Mi-HUNT except HAP lands since HAP contracts are not long term. Public hunting blocks of less than 500 acres are not included in the analysis. Distance is straight line distance, not travel distance by road.



# Collaborative Maintenance Agreements



**Purpose: To reduce redundancy and provide cost savings**

- A formal long-term maintenance contract or endowment exists for the site which relates to or benefits the proposed project.
- An informal maintenance agreement exists at the site which relates to or benefits the proposed project.

# Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)



## **What's new in LWCF:**

Maximum grant request increased from \$150,000 to \$300,000

Application: Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (PDESf)

Updated scoring criteria

# Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)



## **What's new in LWCF:**

Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Updated (2018-2022)



# SCORP Updates



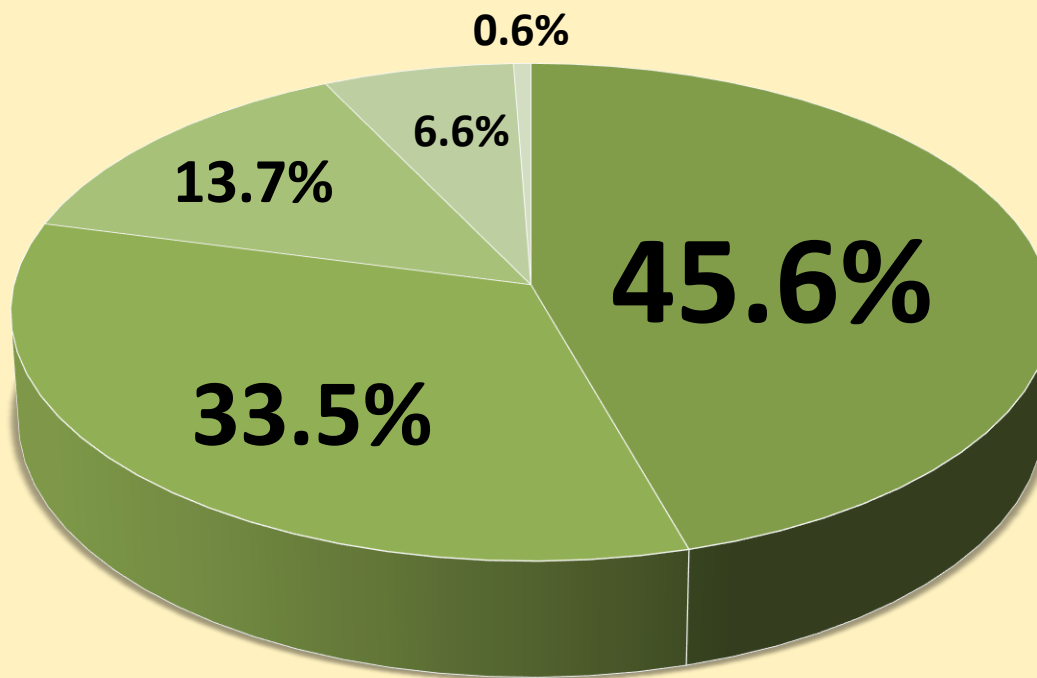
**Goal:** Protect and manage Michigan's diverse and abundant natural and cultural assets to provide relevant, quality experiences that meet the fun, relaxation, and health needs of Michigan's residents and visitors and support the economic development needs of the state as well as local communities.

**Seven Objectives:**

- Foster stewardship and conservation
- Improve collaboration
- Raise awareness
- Improve recreational access
- Provide quality experiences
- Enhance health benefits
- Enhance prosperity

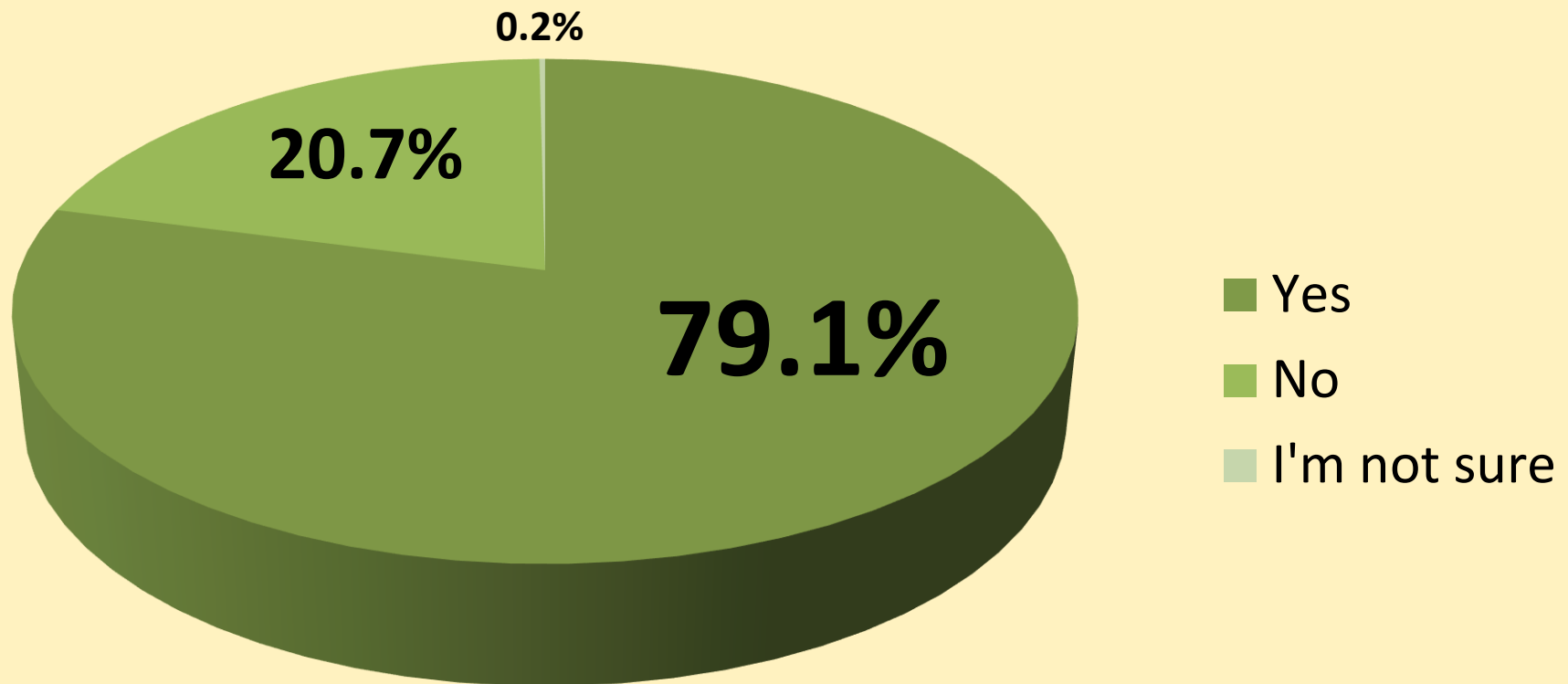


# Importance of Outdoor Recreation



- Very important
- Moderately important
- Slightly important
- Unimportant
- Don't know/refused

# Outdoor Recreation Participation in Past Year



# Michigan's Iron Belle Trail



## 2017 Grant Cycle:

MNRTF Awarded nearly \$4.2 Million to “core projects” of the Iron Belle Trail (3 acquisition, 11 development)

What is a “Core” Iron Belle Project?

What is a “Spur” Iron Belle Project?



# Michigan's Iron Belle Trail



## 2018 Applications:

- Include documentation from DNR Parks and Recreation Division
- Project location map along IBT route
- Label as core or spur project

# Michigan's Iron Belle Trail

**Michigan's Iron Belle Trail**  
Belle Isle to Ironwood - Two Routes, One Great Trail

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11/30/2017

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[michigan.gov/dnrtrails](https://michigan.gov/dnrtrails)

click on: *Iron Belle Trail*

Contact your local IBT  
Facilitator

# Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)



## 2017 Results:

Total Eligible Applications	166	(\$76.1 million)
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Total Grants Recommended	123	(\$40.3 million)
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Success Rate – Acquisition  
100 % (100% in 2016)

Success Rate – Development  
74% (67% in 2016)

# Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)



## 2017 Results:

Total Eligible Applications	19	(\$2.7 million)
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Total Grants Recommended	19	(\$2.7 million)
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Success Rate – Development  
100% (58% in 2016)

# Recreation Passport Grant Program (RPGP)



## 2017 Results:

Total Eligible Applications	64	(\$ 4.2 million)
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Total Grant Awards	22	(\$ 1.4 million)
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Success Rate – Development  
34% (47% in 2016)

# Anticipated Funding 2018



\$1.5 Million



\$1-2 Million



\$12-15 Million



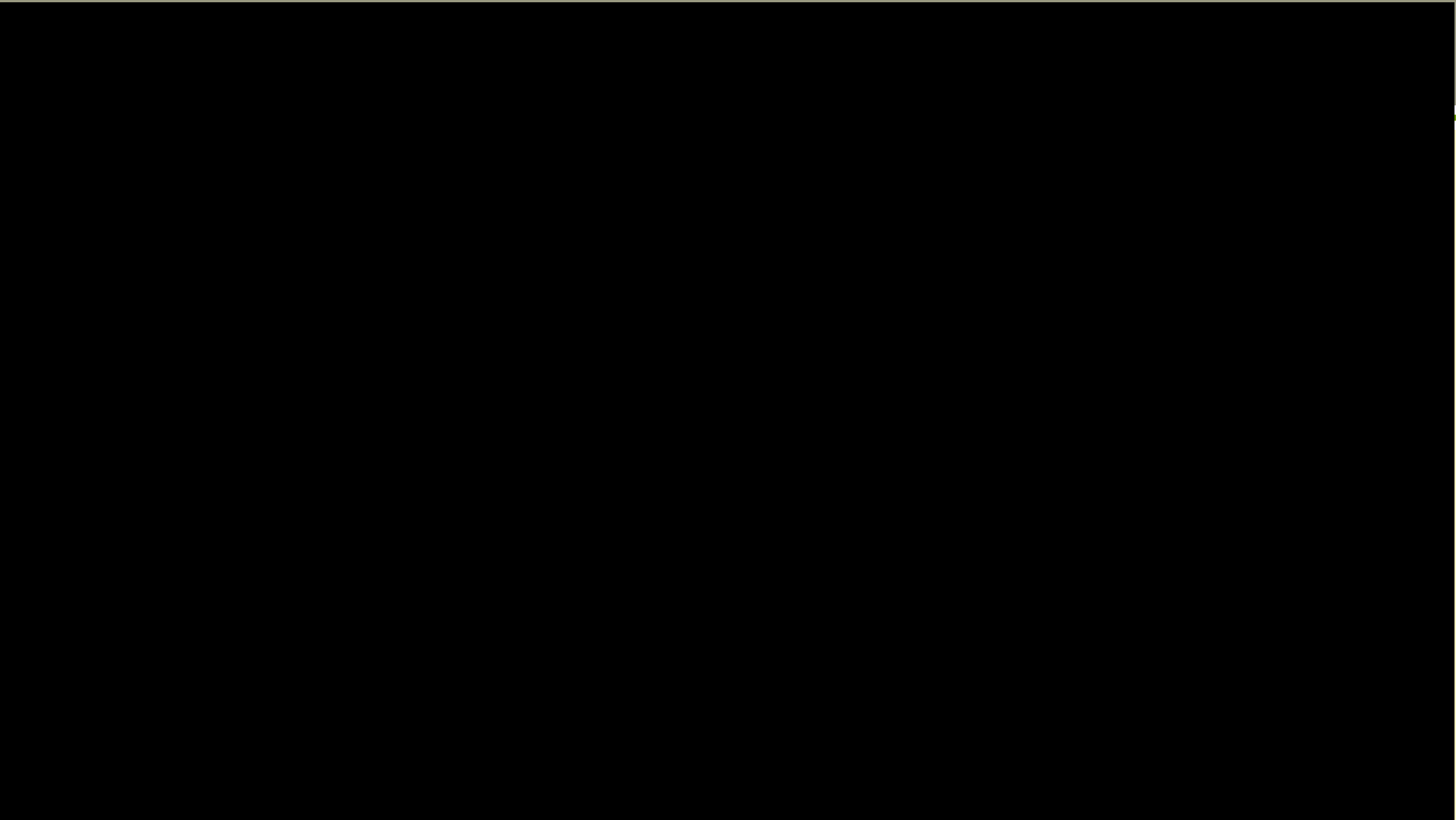
# MiRecGrants



## All application and grant procedures use MiRecGrants:

- 5-Year Recreation Plan
- From application through Grant final close-out
- Online applications available early February
- Accessible through [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)





# PART TWO



## Grant Basics



# Eligibility



- State and Local units of Government
- Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
- Regional Recreation Authorities
- School Districts (if sole provider of outdoor recreation)
- Federally-recognized Native American Tribes (LWCF only)
- DNR Approved 5-Year Recreation Plan
- Capital Improvement Plan (RP only)

# Eligible Development Projects



- Trails
- Water trails
- Trailheads
- Canoe/kayak launches
- Picnic pavilions
- Fishing piers
- Marina/boat launches
- Athletic field improvements
- Recreational park improvements
- Playscapes
- Park enhancements
- Campground improvements
- And more

# Long Term Obligations



- Open to the public
- MNRTF & LWCF – public outdoor recreation *in perpetuity*
- RP – public outdoor recreation 20 years for outdoor site elements and 40 years for buildings
- Park must be well maintained
- Program acknowledgement signage required



# Min./Max. Grant Request Amounts



- TF Acquisition has no minimum or maximum
- TF Development is \$15,000 minimum and \$300,000 maximum – 25% match minimum
- LWCF Development is \$30,000 minimum and \$300,000 maximum – 50% **fixed match**
- RP Development is \$7,500 minimum and \$150,000 maximum – 25% match minimum

# Other Funding Sources



## Other Potential Funding Sources:

- MDOT – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

[www.michigan.gov/tap](http://www.michigan.gov/tap)

- USFHA - Federal Land Access Program (FLAP)

<http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/>

- MEDC – Community Development Block Grant

<https://www.miplace.org/programs/community-development-block-grant/>



# Other Funding Sources



- MDNR
  - Recreation Trails Program (RTP) -- only for DNR-owned linear parks
  - IBT Appropriation/Grant program (January 2019)
  - Office of the Great Lakes – Coastal Water Trails; Coastal Zone Management
  - Waterways Program
  - Boating Infrastructure Grants
- Private Funders (community foundations, etc.)

# General Time Line



- **March 1** – 5-year Recreation Plan due (if expired)
- **April 1** - Application Deadline
- **April / May** – DNR Review for completeness and project and applicant eligibility
- **June / July** – Site visits
- **September** – Preliminary/Supplemental period

# General Time Line



- **November** – Final scores provided
- **December** – Awards Recommended for TF and LWCF and Approved for funding in RP
- **Spring of following year** – Approval of funding
  - Legislative and Governor approval for MNRTF
  - National Park Service for LWCF

# The Application



- Project Information
- Narrative
- Attachments



# The Application



## Project Information

- Location
- Title
- General Project Description



# The Application



## Narrative

1. Project Justification and Support
2. Project Description
3. Natural Resource Access/Protection
4. Other Information



# The Application



## Attachments

- Maintenance Plan
- Project location map(s)
- Advance notice of a public meeting
- Signed minutes of the public meeting
- Certified resolution from governing body
- Documentation of match
- Notice of Intent to regional planning commission
- Photos
- Environmental report (if applicable)

# The Application



## Attachments: Site Plan

### Important Elements:

North Arrow

Proposed Development

Future Development

Street Labeled

Landscape Features

Existing Development

Access Drive

Project Boundary



PROPOSED 1,475  
LINEAR FEET OF 6' WIDE  
LIMESTONE FINES TRAIL

GRAND RIVER

PROPOSED 20' DIA.  
HEXAGONAL GAZEBO

FISHING DECK TO  
BE CONSTRUCTED  
SPRING 2017

## SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DANFORD ISLAND PARK

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED  
INDIVIDUAL

DATE

EXISTING  
WETLAND

PROPOSED  
INTERPRETIVE  
PANEL

EXISTING  
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

EXISTING PAVED  
PATH

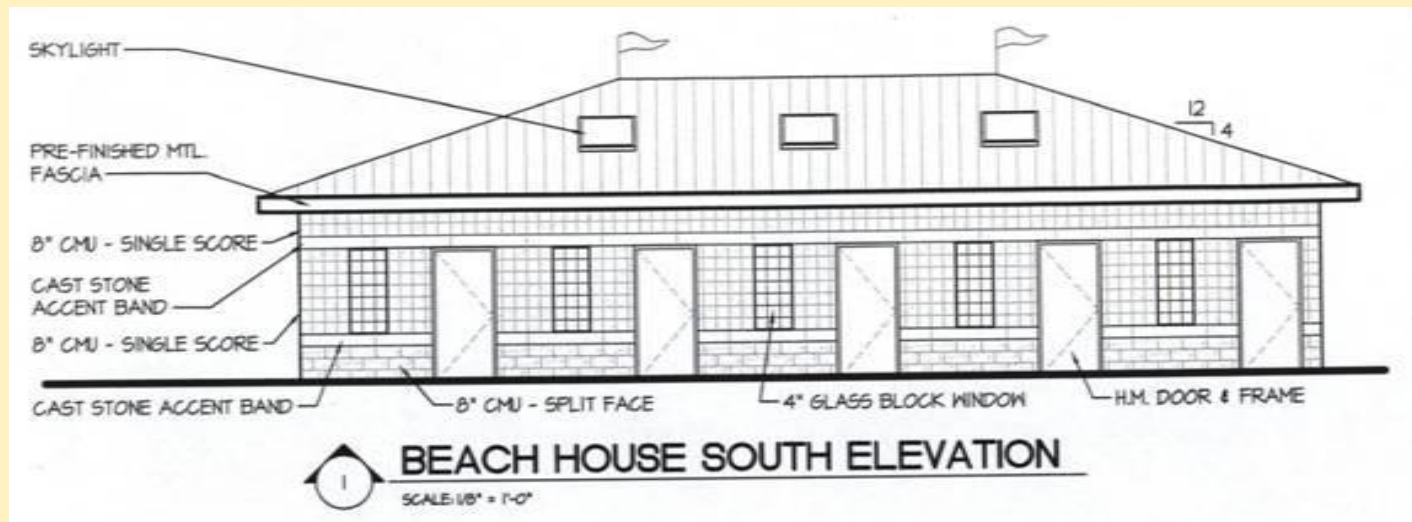


# The Application



## Attachments:

- Boundary map
- Site control form, deeds and easements
- Preliminary floor plans/elevation drawings of any proposed structures



# The Application



1) Boundary Map  
2) Veteran's Memorial Park

6) Main Street

5)

9) Existing Parking

9) Proposed Playground

5)

9) Proposed Restroom Building

9) Pond

4) Residential

7) Firehall

6) Michigan Avenue

4) Commercial

3) Signature of Authorized Individual  
Date

8)

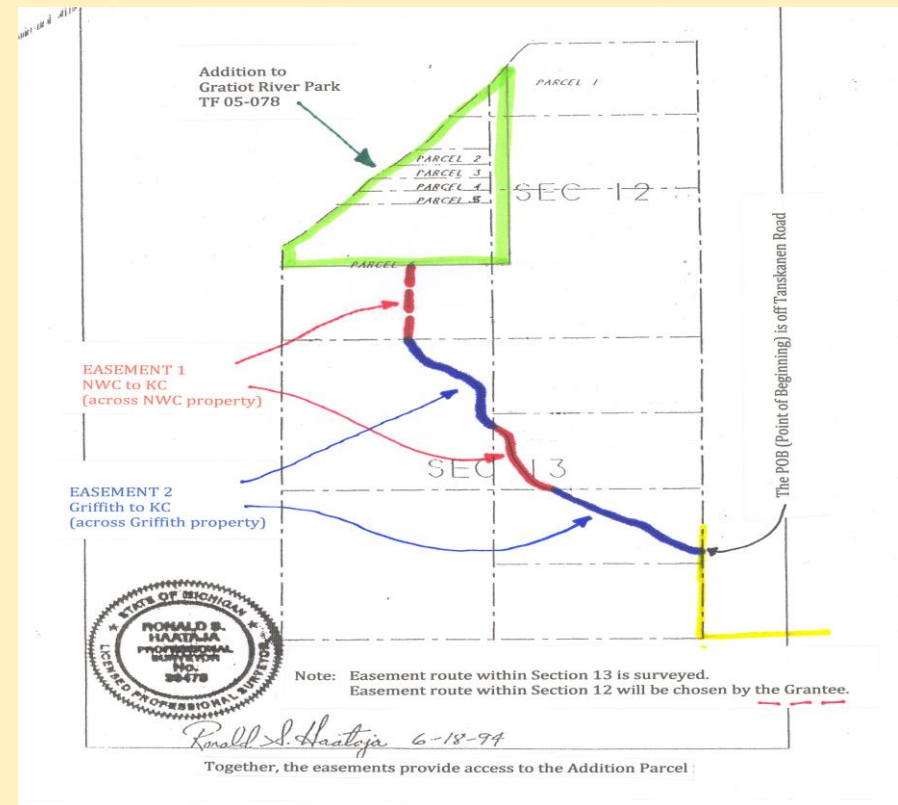
1) Identify Map as Boundary Map  
2) Title of project  
3) Signature and date of authorized individual  
4) Surrounding land uses  
5) Clearly indicate the boundary of the park in **RED**.  
6) Indicate adjoining street names  
7) If applicable, identify any pre-existing indoor facilities that do not support outdoor recreation and exclude from boundary  
8) North arrow  
9) Identify all existing and proposed development

# The Application



## MNRTF Attachments – Acquisition Only:

- A plat or parcel map for each parcel
- Any easements that may be necessary to access the property



# The Application



## Recommended Supporting Documentation

- Minutes of other public meetings to gather input and support.
- Expert documentation of natural resource values.
- Letters of support for the project.



# Common Issues



- Public Support – Provide letters of support.
- Collaboration – Must be specific to the project site.
- Marketing – How will you inform people?
- Scope Items – Use pulldown menu.
- Uploads – Label files so they are easy to ID.
- Universal Design:
  - Letter/meeting minutes specific to review of proposed development.
  - Provide details or descriptions.

# Potential Problem Areas



- Inadequate match
- Contamination
- Does not meet ADA requirements
- Applicant has an unresolved conversion
- Applicant has “Residents Only” policy
- Readiness and feasibility of project



# PART THREE



## Scoring Criteria





# Development Scoring Criteria

Scoring Criteria	LWCF	MNRTF - Dev	RP
Trails		X	
Natural Resources		X	
Urban Area		X	
Applicant Match		X	
Entrance Fees		X	
Collaborative Maintenance Agreements	X	X	
Public Support	X	X	
Universal Design	X	X	X
Renovation	X	X	X
Programming/Marketing	X	X	X
Financial Need	X	X	X
Environmentally Friendly Features	X	X	X
Post Completion Compliance	X	X	X
Site/Project Quality	X	X	X
Safety/Crime	X	X	X
Per Capita Dev Grant Assistance	X	X	X

# MNRTF Scoring Criteria

## Development



1. Need for Project	40
2. Collaborative Maintenance Agreements	30
3. Site and Project Quality	120
4. Applicant History	60
5. Conversion	-50
6. Natural Resources Based Recreation	40
7. Financial Need	40
8. Urban Area	40

# MNRTF Scoring Criteria

## Development



9. Applicant Match	40
10. Entrance Fees	30
11. Universal Access Design	30
<b>Maximum Total Points</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Potential Board Priority Points</b>	<b>50</b>

# MNRTF - Development Only



## Local Match

Local Match Percentage	Top ~2% MHI	Top 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> MHI	Middle 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> MHI	Bottom 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> MHI
0-25%	0	0	0	0
26-29%	0	0	5	10
30-39%	0	5	10	20
40-49%	5	10	20	30
50%+	10	20	30	40

**Maximum points**

**40**

# Natural Resource Based Recreation Opportunities



- Highest quality – Great Lakes shoreline, unique area with documentation
- Good quality – Direct access to natural resources
- Fair quality – average area









# Board Priorities

MNRTF Only



## Acquisition & Development:

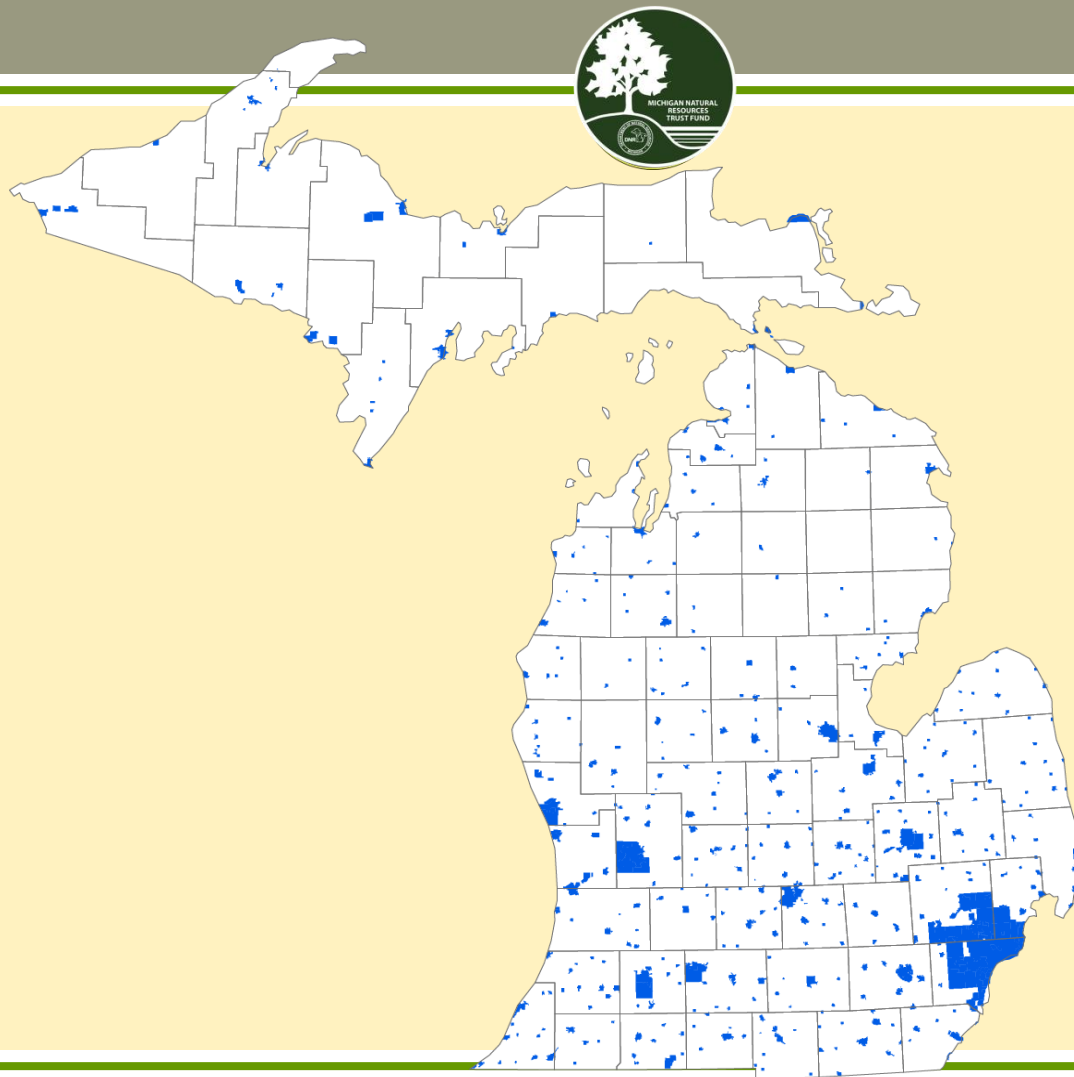
- Trails (water trails, Iron Belle Trail)
- Urban areas

## Acquisition Only:

- Wildlife/ecological corridors/hunting access
- Great Lakes public access



# Urban Area Projects





# LWCF Scoring Criteria



1. Need for Project	60
2. Site and Project Quality	120
3. Applicant History	60
4. Financial Need of the Applicant	40
5. Quality of the Overall Park Design	50
6. Project Facilities/Scope Items	20
7. Universal Access Design	30
8. Conversions	-50
<b>Total Points Available</b>	<b>380</b>

# Recreation Passport Scoring Criteria



1. Need for project	90
2. Site Quality	20
3. Project Quality	70
4. Applicant History	50
5. Conversion	-20
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>

# Acquisition Applications



## Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund



# Acquisition Scoring Criteria

MNRTF Only



1. Need for Project	40
2. Collaboration	30
<b>3. Site and Project Quality *</b>	<b>100</b>
4. Applicant History	60
5. Conversion History	-50
<b>6. Natural Resources *</b>	<b>80</b>
7. Financial Need of the Applicant	40
8. Urban Area	40

# Acquisition Scoring Criteria

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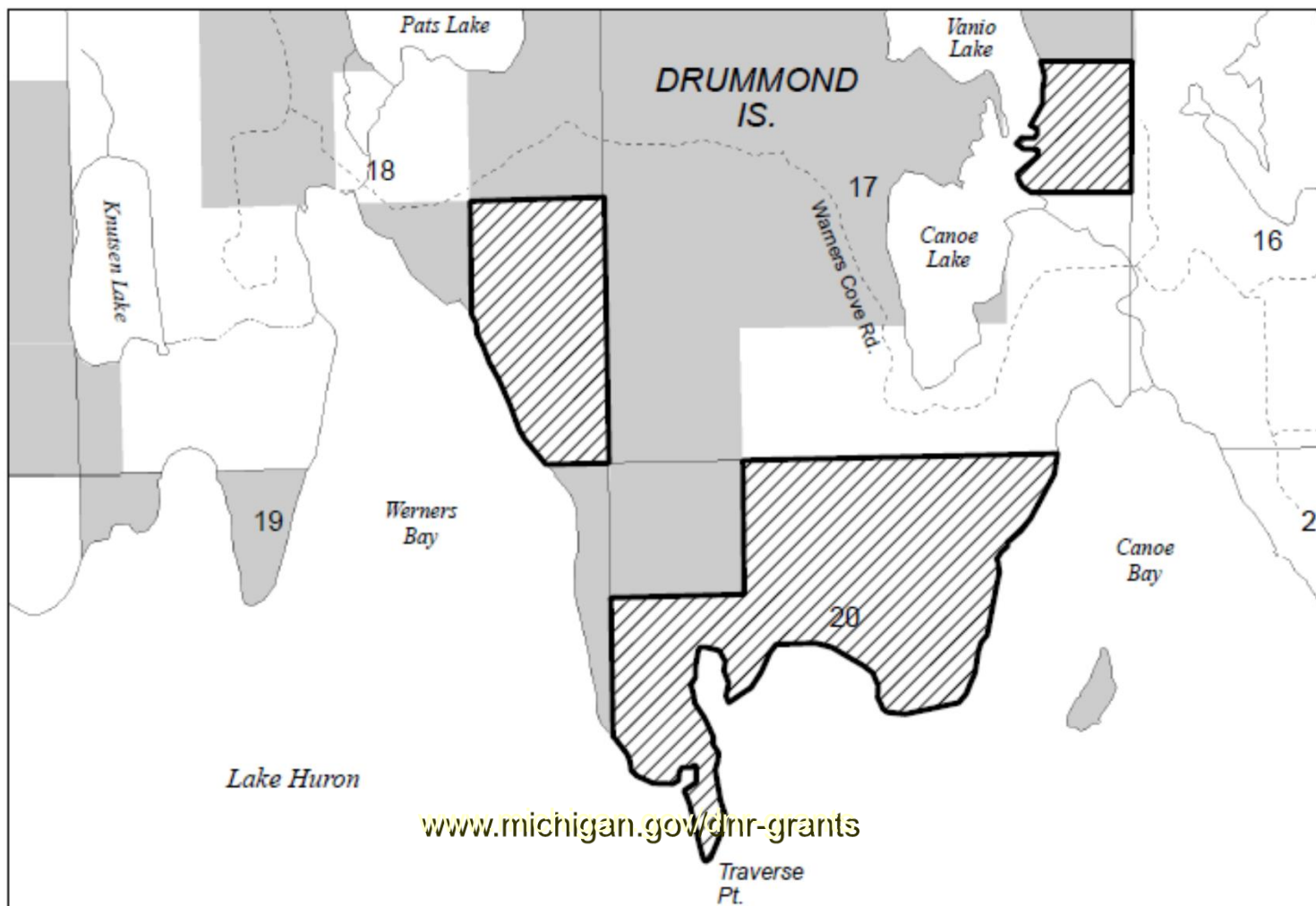


9. Match	60
10. Entrance Fee	30
11. Land Ownership *	10
12. Motorized Recreation Use *	10
<b>Total Points for Core Criteria</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Potential Board Priority Points</b>	<b>50</b>

\* Denotes categories that are unique to acquisition

# Wildlife Corridor

Acquisition Only



[www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

# Great Lakes Public Access

## Acquisition Only



- Shoreline public access within a “gap” area
- Shoreline access not within a “gap” area



# PART FOUR



## Tips for all Programs

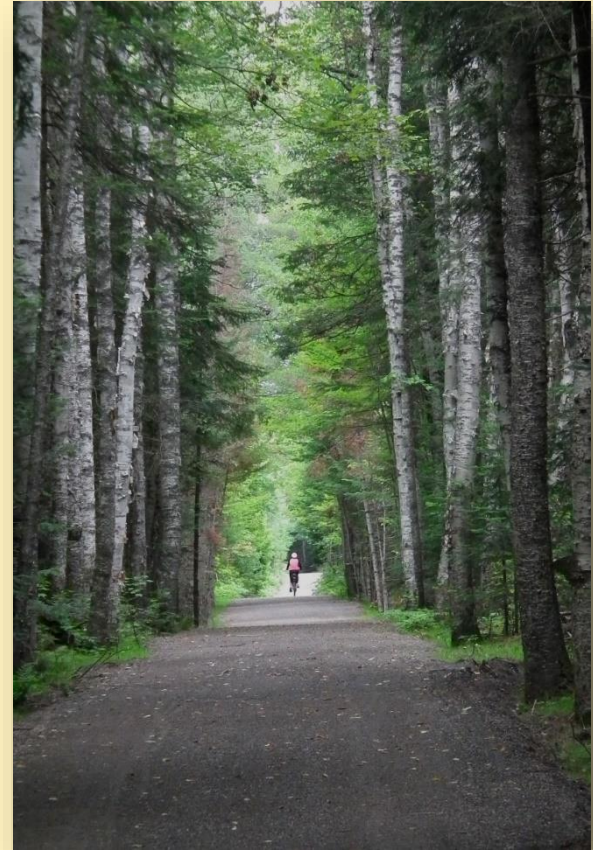




# Trail Types



- Water Trail
- Regional
- Local
- Within a Park



# Water Trail



## Cass River Water Trail Vassar to Bridgeport

### Access Site Locations

- 1 Cass River Boat Launch at East Road/M-13
- 2 Davis Park, Bridgeport
- 3 Beyer Road Bridge
- 4 Frankenmuth Rock Ramp
- 5 Memorial Park Boat Launch, Frankenmuth
- 6 Cass River Canoe Launch, Frankenmuth
- 7 Tuscola Township Park
- 8 T North Pavilion, Vassar
- 9 Riverfront Park, Vassar

### Trail Facts

- 27.2 Miles from Site 9 to 1
- Average paddlers travel 2.5 miles per hour on the river
- 1 Obstacle Dam/Rock Ramp

### Access Sites

The access sites noted on this map are all on public land but in various states of improvement. It is a goal of the Cass River Greenway to improve access sites and launch facilities to include parking, docks, restrooms, handicapped access, signage, trash receptacles, etc.

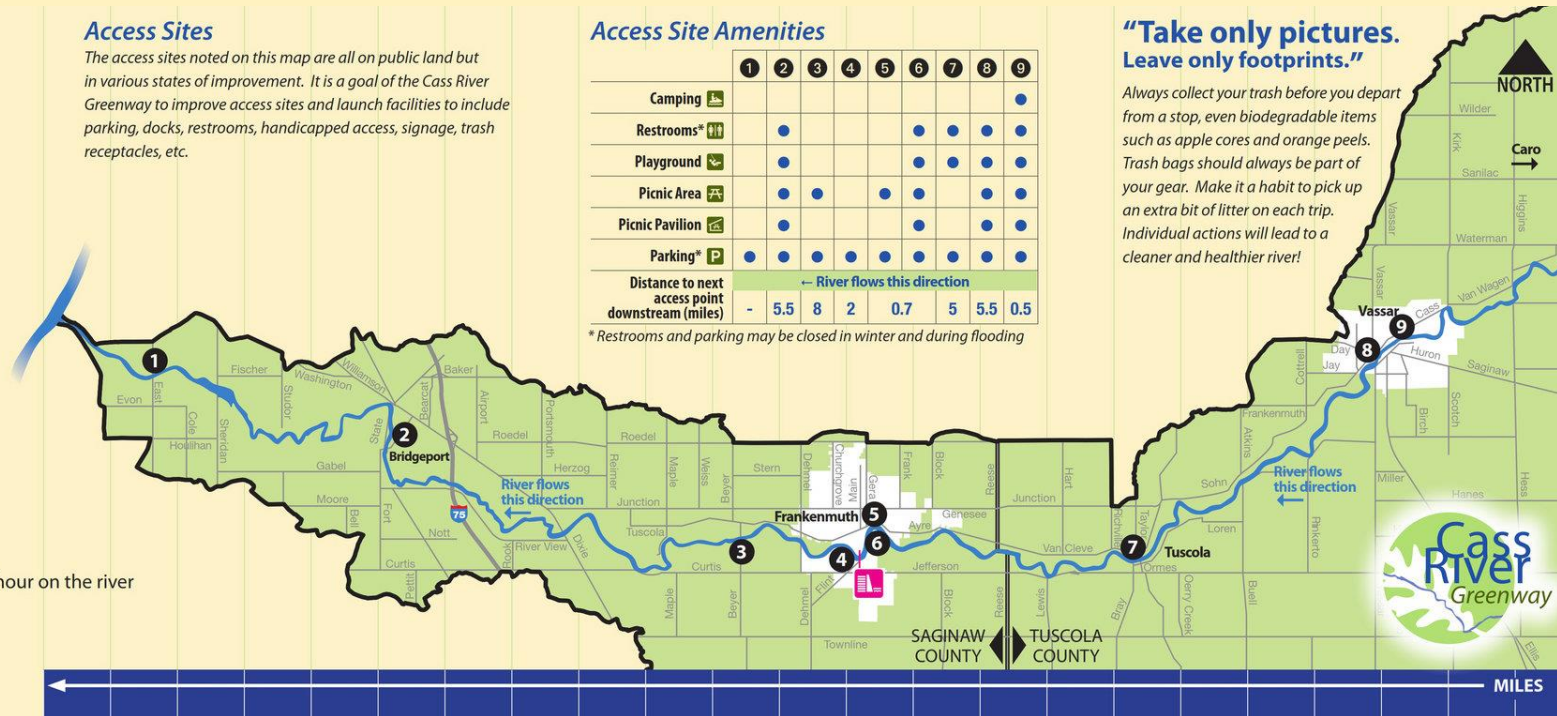
### Access Site Amenities

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Camping									•
Restrooms*		•				•	•	•	•
Playground		•				•	•	•	•
Picnic Area		•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Picnic Pavilion		•				•	•	•	•
Parking*	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Distance to next access point downstream (miles)	-	5.5	8	2	0.7	5	5.5	0.5	

\* Restrooms and parking may be closed in winter and during flooding

### "Take only pictures. Leave only footprints."

Always collect your trash before you depart from a stop, even biodegradable items such as apple cores and orange peels. Trash bags should always be part of your gear. Make it a habit to pick up an extra bit of litter on each trip. Individual actions will lead to a cleaner and healthier river!



[www.cassriver.org](http://www.cassriver.org)

# Water Trail



**NEW! TRIP PLANNER** Only on StJoeH2O

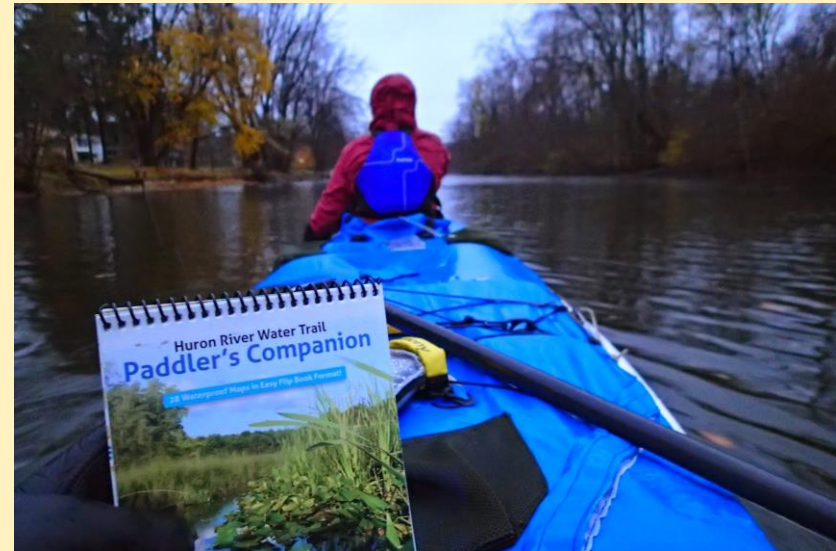
We've collected river and launch information and have developed the following suggested river trips. While there are additional launch points along every river, some of these are difficult to navigate or are located on private property. Click a river trip below to view/select sections to paddle and to calculate trip times. Or, scroll down to see a list of downloadable PDFs with suggested trips.

<b>NOTTAWA CREEK</b> Rawson's King Mill to Mendon	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FAWN RIVER 1</b> Fawn River Road to Big Hill Road	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FAWN RIVER 2</b> Dickenson Road to Constantine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PRAIRIE RIVER 1</b> Prairie Lake to Lake Templene	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PRAIRIE RIVER 2</b> Centreville to Sauganash Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ROCKY RIVER</b> Delong Road to Three Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PORTAGE RIVER</b> Portage Lake to Three Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PIGEON RIVER</b> Kalamazoo Road to Thomas Road	<input type="checkbox"/>
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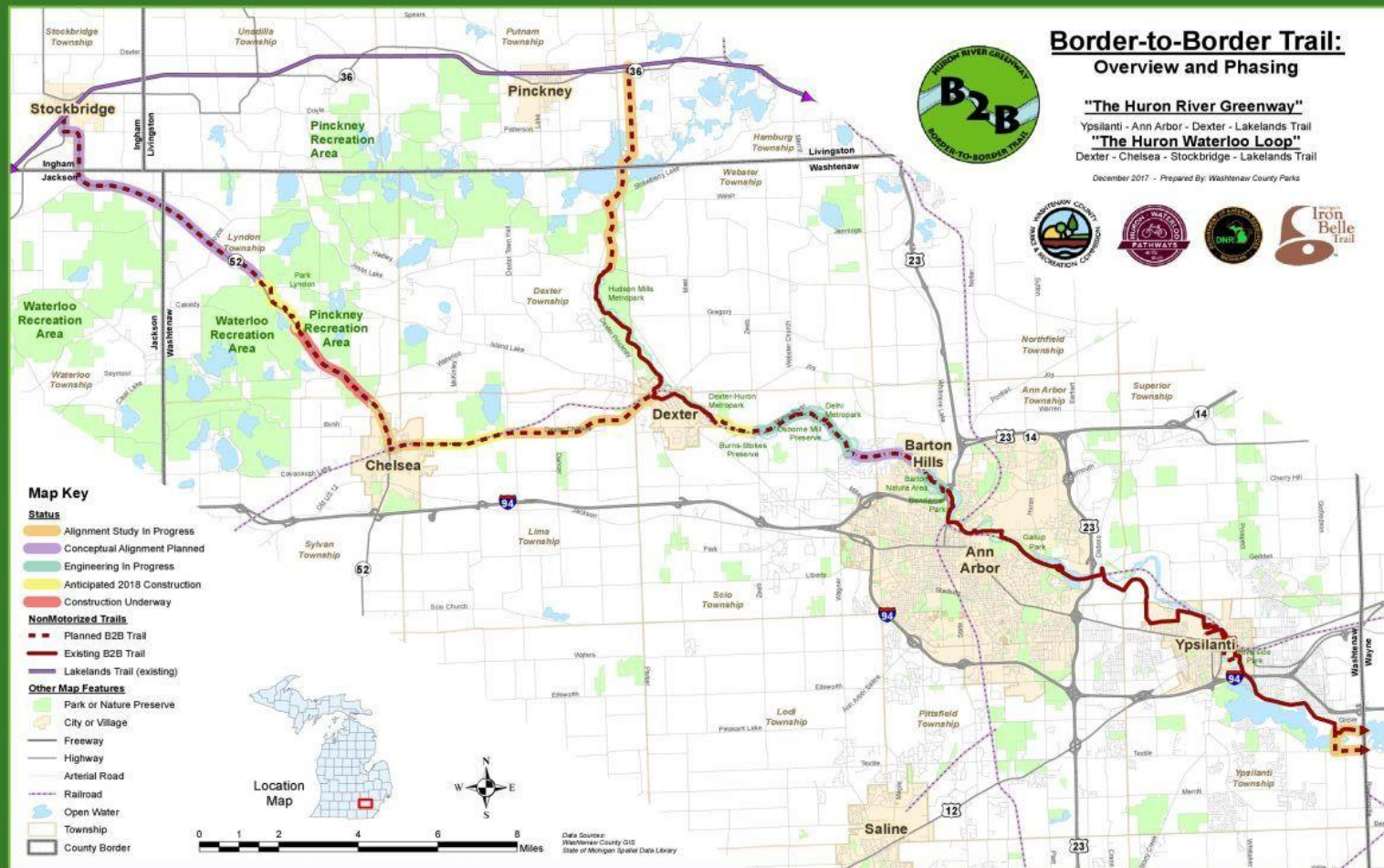
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[CLICK HERE](#) to load a large version on our trails map in a new window.

**DOWNLOADABLE TRIP PLANNERS**

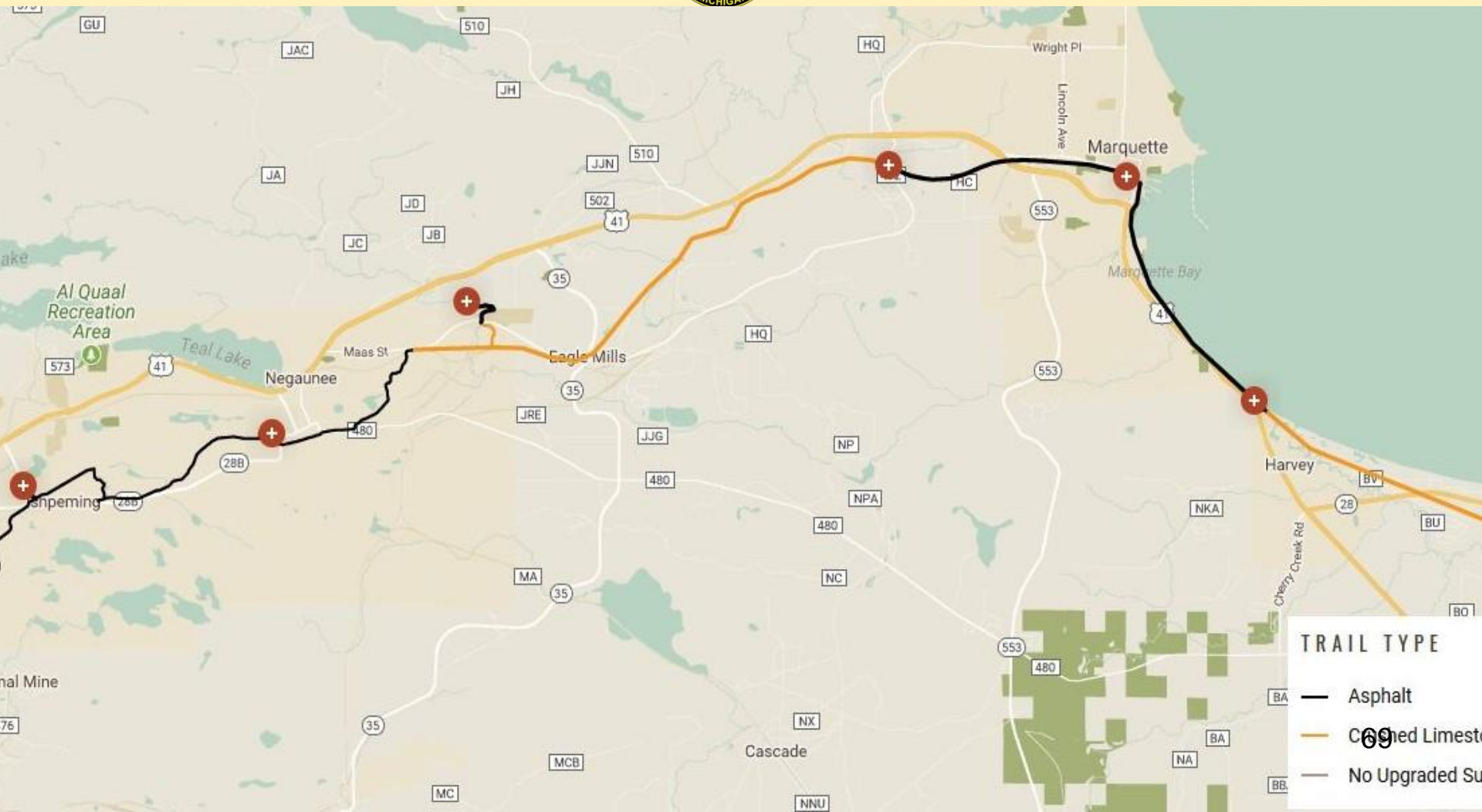




# Regional Trail



# Regional Trail



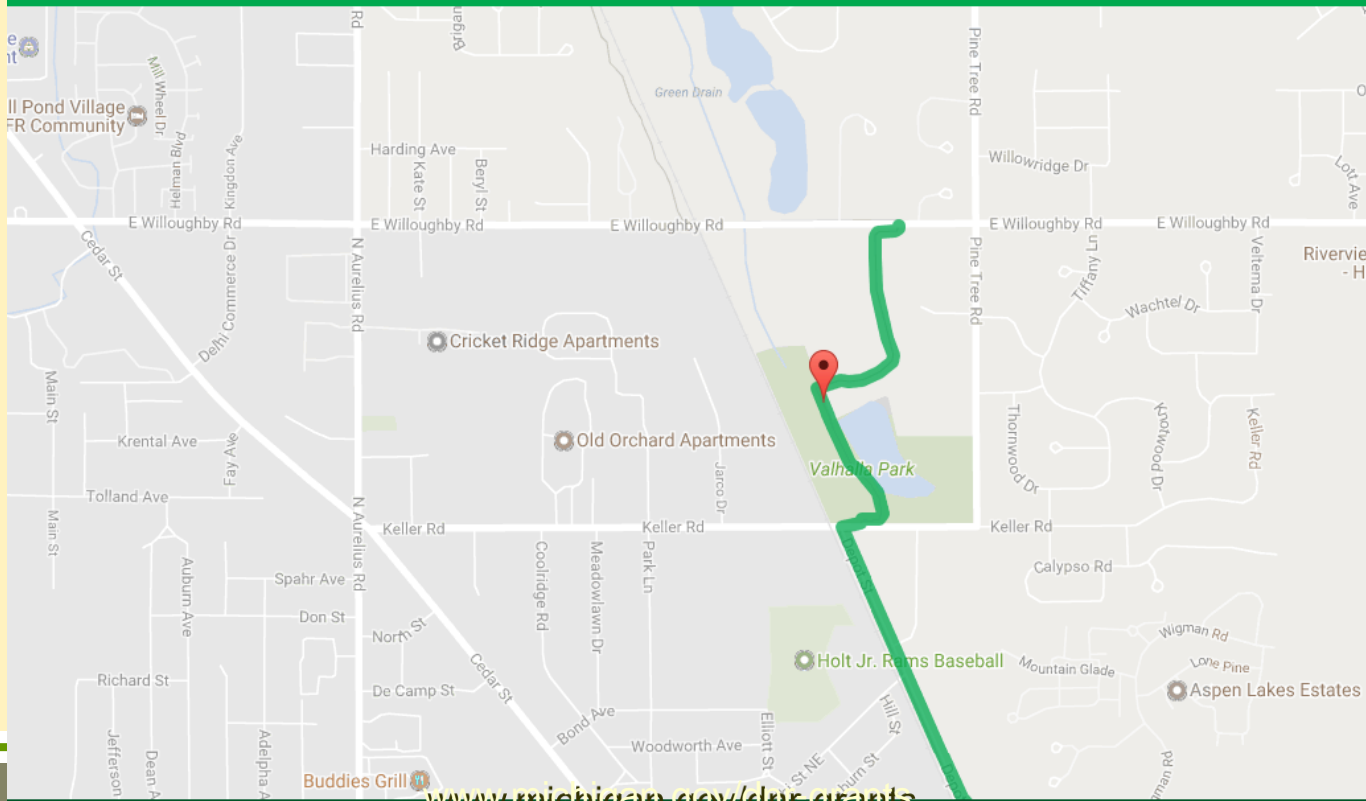
## TRAIL TYPE

- Asphalt
- Compacted Limestone
- No Upgraded Surface

# Local Trail



## VALHALLA TRAIL



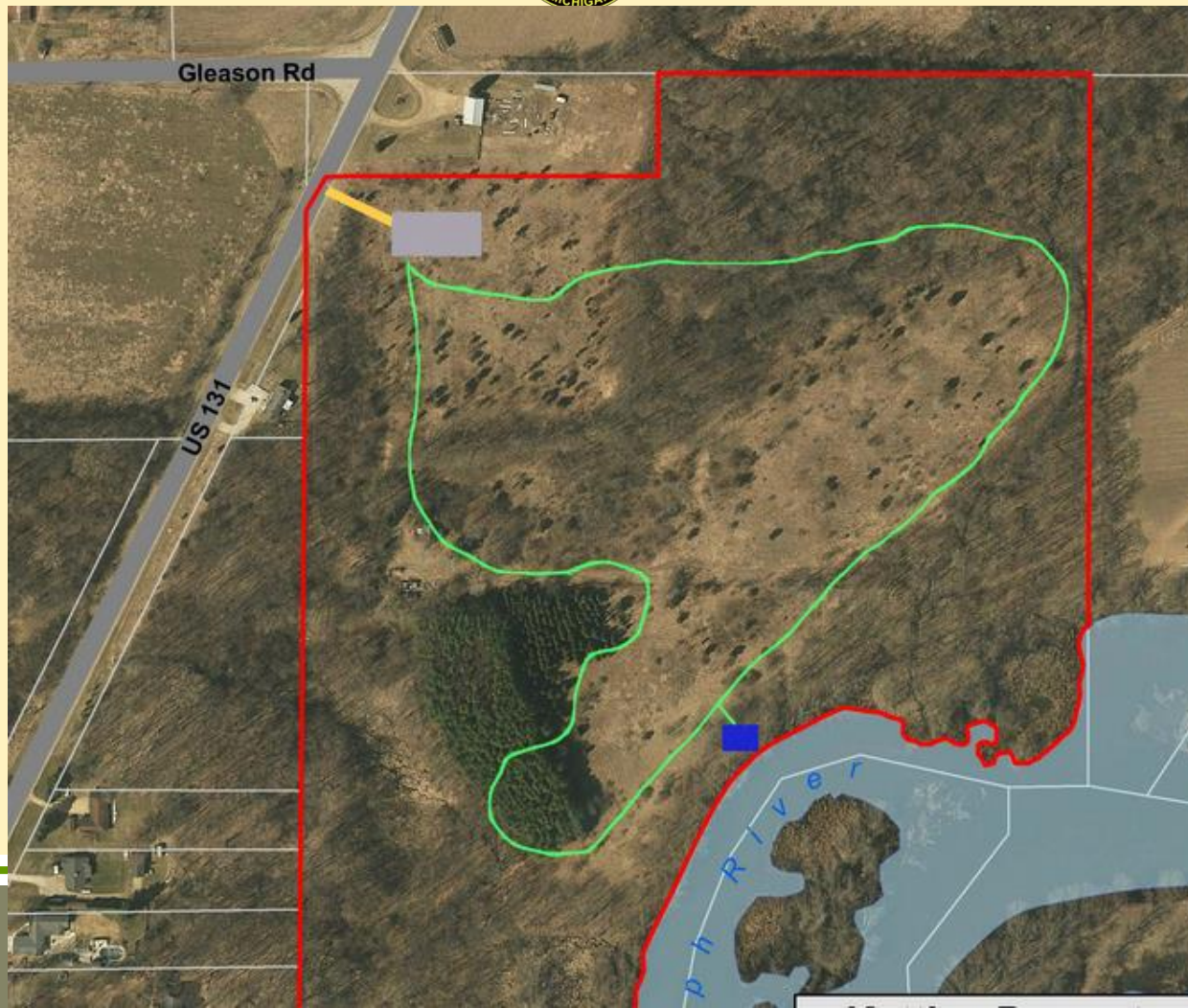
Legend: Valhalla Trail



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# Trail within a Park



# Environmental Friendly Features



- Three or more features
- Does not include industry standards (recycled concrete, low flow toilets, etc.)
- Examples:
  - Using recycled content
  - LED lighting
  - Waterless toilets
  - Native plants
  - Stormwater Management
  - Solar usage





# Universal Design



- Accessibility input from specific user groups/orgs – documentation
- Use of universal design – Exceeds ADA minimum requirements



# Family Restrooms



# Canoe/Kayak Launch





# Overlook, Fishing Dock





# Play Equipment





# Play Equipment



# Amenities





# Amenities



# Signage





# Signage





# Accessible Parking



# You Have a Grant....Now What?



- Congrats! Good luck!
- Recommendations for funding announced in December
- MNRTF – appropriations bill introduced in January
- RP – Director recommends
- LWCF – Director recommends to National Park Service
- Design and engineering can begin January 1
- Acquisition can start 40-year title search

# You Have a Grant....Now What?



- **Read the Development or Acquisition Project Procedures Booklet**
- Project cannot be bid until the Project Agreement has been executed
- Applying April 1, 2018 – Development
  - Design, engineering: January 2019
  - Construction: Summer, Fall 2019, Spring, Summer, Fall 2020

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# Questions?

# Thank You

